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The case proceeded to trial. The jury returned a not guilty verdict on the charge of aiding and abetting piracy under the law of nations. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charges of conspiracy to commit hostage taking and aiding and abetting hostage taking. The government has indicated that they intend to retry the defendant on the hostage taking related charges. The court has set a schedule for the filing of motions. A new trial date has not been set.